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<p>1. Forwarded herewith are contact reports concerning meets with Maria von GERSDORFF of the Soviet Studies group and (Name KALININ). Contact with the latter during the spring was attempted on several occasions, but he was traveling quite frequently during those months. Headquarters will note that the Reacom donation remained untouched up until October, when it was tapped for financing Professor MELISNER's visit to Stockholm. The topic of his lecture was "The USSR at the Crossroads", a sufficiently broad field to permit takeoffs in any direction.</p> <p>2. [redacted] attended the lecture, and recognized a number of old familiar faces including that of [redacted] who was there with his wife. The lecture was a fairly solid orthodox presentation without pretension, surprises, or unusual theories. Of perhaps most interest was MELISNER's conclusion that Khrushchev was counting on three basic tactics to solve his internal problems: new organizational schemes, a strengthened Party apparatus, and the preservation of stability by alternate support to conservative and liberal factions. Scarcely revolutionary, but an interesting expelling of old tactics still valid today. For the rest MELISNER ranged over cultural, agricultural, economic, and political themes on the internal front, branched out into foreign policy as it concerned the Sino-Soviet split and relations with the West. All of this was covered in the space of an hour or a little more, obviously too short a time for any one of the topics. The lecture was followed by another hour of questions, enlivened by the presence of a small group of obviously Communist convictions who insisted on delivering longwinded "questions" which were obviously nothing more than declarations. One of his more interesting themes was to postulate that Khrushchev was the spiritual heir and in fact almost a reincarnation of Lenin. The lecture and questions were all in German.</p> <p>3. It is not known whether [redacted] caught the undersigned's true name, though it would have been no difficulty for him to discover it if he wished. More embarrassing was Maria von GERSDORFF's approach. We gave her the list of addresses which she had requested. (She had been previously warned that we wanted no mention of HERFICH in any letter which she might send to the foundations, since we were as yet uncertain which way the group would turn after the elections in the new year.) For her part she gave a copy of the letter (also herewith) which she planned to send to the foundations, but added in a penetrating voice the warning that she wanted it destroyed and "not to fall into anyone else's hands". As far as could be seen no physical eyebrow twitched among those standing near by, but a good number of mental ones were probably gyrating.</p> <p>4. We have been considering the Soviet Studies Group in general and KALININ in particular in the light of the [redacted], but for the moment do not wish to commit ourselves to any long range plans. Pending the results of the forthcoming elections, it is premature to recommend any further funding of the group, and in fact we are sufficiently dubious of its entrenched leadership in the persons of MILITS and IRDEN that we do not believe it warrants support at this juncture. On the other hand, KALININ as an individual represents an attractive target, particularly in the light of his retirement plans. We realize that this reopens a Pandora's box of old unresolved questions concerning his past, but of all the individuals with whom we have come in contact here he seems to have the most requisites in terms of expertise, stature, and apparent motivation. Naturally there are a host of problems connected with the formation of a suitable mechanism to carry out ARMSTER-type functions here, not the least of which is Swedish suspicion of anything smacking of propaganda, but we believe that a solution to such problems could be worked out. Possibly the biggest stumbling block will be the eagle eye which MYRDAL will cast on any activities by KALININ and his probable application of pressure to stop them. MYRDAL's reported appointment as chief</p>			
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<p> theoretician of a left-wing Social Democrat splinter group may, however, discredit him sufficiently to cut down on such influence, though we will never underestimate his ability to con people. </p> <p> 5. We regret the delay in reporting on the Soviet Studies Group, which has taken something of a back seat in recent months because of other developments. When the group has shaken down after the new elections we hope to have more concrete plans to offer for Headquarters judgment. </p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;"> [] </div> <p> Attachments: A. Contact Report, Maria von GERSDORFF B. Contact Report, Bruno KALNINE C. Letter to the Carnegie Foundation </p> <p> 3 November 1963 </p> <p> Distributions: 2 - SR w/atts A, B, & C 3 - WE w/atts A, B, & C 2 - [] w/atts A, B, & C </p>		
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<p>1. Subject called on 16 September to say that she wished to say that she wished to get the addresses of foundations in the US in order to write them for money for the Soviet Studies Group. Coffee on 18 September was arranged. Subject showed up fifteen minutes late, just as I was about to leave the meeting area.</p> <p>2. The call afforded an opportunity to get still another reading on the Soviet Studies Group, in addition to those already obtained from [] [] [] et al. Subject, as secretary for the SSF and (as it turned out) a former chairman of it, had of course an intimate knowledge of its workings and background. The following paragraphs outline her own version of the past and present situation.</p> <p>3. There has been a long-standing feud between KALWINS and MYRDAL concerning political questions which has become a very personal thing. MYRDAL has been strongly opposed to the semi-official chair of Sovietology in the University of Stockholm, and managed, in late 1962, to change its entire character by substituting Yuriy BORYS for KALWINS as head of it. BORYS also took over all the instruction previously carried out by 12 experts in the fields of Soviet economy, agriculture, history etc., with a resultant loss in quality in each. As of the academic year 1963-64, the chair has been totally eliminated at the University of Stockholm. Because the field of Sovietology is not recognized as a formal study discipline, the "chair" did not hold the same position of respect accorded to other disciplines. It was for this reason that BORYS was able to take it over, since on paper Sovietology was carried as a sort of administrative annex (as opposed to education) on the University's rolls, and BORYS himself is not permitted to teach in Sweden because of the low grade (3) he obtained on his doctoral thesis. He could, however, be in charge of an "administrative section" which actually involved teaching, the best he could hope to accomplish given his qualifications. Now that the "chair" is being abolished BORYS is in a sticky position, and according to the latest reports is sniffing around for another job in the US. The total abolition of the chair of Sovietology is also supposed to be the result of MYRDAL's pressure, and is assumed to have been his goal all along, with BORYS playing the unenviable role of temporary pawn to be sacrificed at the propitious moment.</p> <p>4. When the Soviet Studies Group was banned from university premises in late 1962, it continued to operate outside. KALWINS resigned as chairman at this time because he did not want to become a focus of controversy, and because he did wish to have the group reinstated in the university. Despite his resignation and the election of WATTRANG to take his place, there was no change in the university's attitude. At the next annual meeting KALWINS will probably come up for re-election as chairman. Meanwhile WATTRANG is carrying on as a rather passive chairman, while underneath there is a strong fight among the other committee members: Subject, MILITS, IRDEN, and SUNDBERG. Basically this comes down to a fight between Subject and MILITS, who manage to differ on almost every issue. IRDEN tries to spread oil on the water, while SUNDBERG plays an equivocal role.</p> <p>5. Before the next annual meeting there will be a meeting of an election committee, which will nominate candidates for each post. The only name Subject could remember was that of Professor POOM, but she promised to get the names of the others if I was interested. Obviously the election committee enjoys fairly strong powers, and the regulations of the society state that the elections are valid if 75% of those present at the annual meeting cast their vote.</p> <p>6. The fight between Subject and MILITS has taken several forms, though not all of these were explained by Subject. Suffice it to say that Subject considers him to be too much of an Agit-Prop type, and on one occasion, when she learned that he had been named in the press as an "agent" and had mentioned this to others, he had threatened her with a libel suit. (This story was rather muddy, despite efforts to clear it up. Subject could or would not say exactly when the charge had been published, nor what its precise contents were. She believed it concerned</p>		
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<p>his activity for an entire group, and conceded that it could have been made by left-wing groups.) Subject said that if by any chance MILITS were elected to the chairmanship of the Group, she would resign.</p> <p>7. Now the group was hoping to get some more money in order to finance foreign lecturers, some library space, and a place they could call home. In November they hope to have Leonard SHAFIRO come to lecture, and have hopes of eventually getting Isaac DEUTSCHER. They hope to write to the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Ford Foundation, the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the R.J. Kellogg Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Twentieth Century Fund. Subject personally hates "begging", but this seems to be the only way to raise money.</p> <p>8. While waiting for Subject, I noticed a blue Citroen standing in the passenger loading zone of the Dramaten theater, the place picked by Subject for the meet. It remained standing there with a man and woman sitting in it for about ten minutes without either picking up or discharging passengers, and finally drove away. The theater was of course closed. Subject accused her tardiness by saying the traffic had been too heavy, while in fact the streets were fairly bare. While there is probably no significance to this small incident, it is interesting to note that the card with the license number of the Citroen has been missing from the central vehicle register for about a month, despite repeated [] efforts to get it. In each case he has been told that the card should be available in a day or two, but it has not.</p>		
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<p>REARWOOD</p> <p>ATTACHMENT B OS: A-12700 5 November 1963</p> <p>Contact Report</p> <p>Bruno KALNINS 4 October 1963, Conti's Restaurant 1200-1330</p> <p>1. Subject accepted with alacrity an invitation to lunch, after several previous efforts to get hold of him were unsuccessful because of his periodic absences from Stockholm. In the course of the lunch it was possible to get more background on the Soviet Studies Group, as well as plans for its future, and some of Subject's own long-range plans.</p> <p>2. Regarding the Soviet Studies Group and Stockholm U's Soviet programs, Subject came up with the same story as von GERSDORFF and others, with only a few additional details. MYRDAL, with an assist from his minions BORYS and [] and also with higher level help in the person of Åke NILSSON and [] (we presume it was [] he was speaking of, though he only used the last name), had managed to have the Soviet Studies Group banned from the University and to have the subject itself brought under the overall aegis of BORYS. This had resulted in a sharp decline in student interest, to the point that where there had been 15 students in the preceding academic year, there were only three in the Spring of 1963. The course was dropped from the 1963 fall term, but would take place again in the Spring of 1964. Oddly enough the EMMERSTROM case had also caused a decline in student interest for Soviet Studies, with numerous cancellations in Russian language studies reported from high schools and universities all over Sweden.</p> <p>3. The Slavic library which Subject heads has also fallen on hard times, with a total budget of 17,000 kroner for paying all administrative expenses and buying books as well. The board of the library consists of KALNINS, Åke NILSSON, Prof. ARUMAA, and one (Pnu) SJÖBERG. With ARUMAA afraid to back MYRDAL, NILSSON supporting MYRDAL, SJÖBERG not paying much heed one way or another, the library confines itself almost entirely to works on philology and obscure literary tracts. In the past year only 300 kroner were left over for buying works on contemporary Soviet life. Subject was quite bitter over the roles played by MYRDAL, NILSSON, THILAB, et al in destroying the fabric of Soviet studies in Sweden. He openly referred to MYRDAL as a Soviet sympathizer, while the rest he treated with a kind of pained disgust.</p> <p>4. In January new elections will be held for the Soviet Studies Group, and Subject expects to be elected Chairman, replacing WATTANG. During the summer of 1964 Subject plans to go to Boston for a three month tour as guest of the Harvard Slavic Institute. This period will also mark his forced retirement from Stockholm University because of age, though he still plans to remain active in University affairs to whatever extent he can.</p> <p>5. Regarding the Beacon Fund Grant, Subject said that it was still intact, but that the first expenditure was being made for having Professor KISSNER come up from Germany to lecture at the Foreign Policy Institute on 11 October. This would be followed by SHAPIRO from London, who would come in November. Subject made a few broad hints that anything that could be done from BEFINCH to finance the Group would meet with a great deal of appreciation, and there was the faint implication that the Beacon donation was not exactly a private contribution. This was not put in so many words, but only hinted at through the implication that the Undersigned might be able to arrange for continued contributions such as that of Beacon the preceding year.</p> <p>6. In discussing MILITS, Subject agreed that he might have some deleterious effect on the reputation of the Group, but in general remained rather non-committal. He apparently did not share in the generally low opinion of MILITS which has been held by various others with whom we have come in contact [] von GERSDORFF, [] [] [] et al).</p>		
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Carnegie Foundation of New York
New York
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Stockholm, July 3rd, 1963

Dear Sirs:

In december 1962 The Swedish Group for Soviet Studies constituted itself in Stockholm. This group continues the activities of a previously existing circle formed on private initiative and consisting of lecturers and students of the Stockholm University and specialists in various academic disciplines.

The circle met regularly for lectures and discussions on various aspects of political, social, economic and cultural structure in the Soviet Union.

The Swedish Group for Soviet Studies was formed and given statutes in order to develop these activities on a broader scale. Its aim is to carry out research in respect of the structure of the Soviet Union and other East Block countries as well as to publish the results of this research work.

The Executive Committee of the Swedish Group for Soviet Studies for the year 1963 consists of the following members:

Chairman: Hans Wattrang, politices magister at the Stockholm University in political sciences. Economic editor with the Swedish daily "Expressen"
Published: "Ethiopia", "After Stalin", "The Cold War"

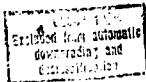
Vice Chairman: Per Sundberg, filosofie doktor, lecturer at the Stockholm University for Political Sciences

Secretary: Marie Luise v. Seranderff, Conference Interpreter

Vice Secretary: Peter Irda, juris kandidat

International Secretary: Alexander Milits, filosofie kandidat (Slavonics)

The Swedish Group for Soviet Studies consists at present of ca. 30 members. Although the members of the group individually - being specialists in various academic fields - are in close connection with various University institutions, the Swedish Group for Soviet Studies in itself is fully independent of the University, as there are no suitable Swedish University institutes, with which a connection could be established. Thus the Swedish Group for Soviet Studies gets no financial support from any University funds. It is for this reason that up to now no results of the research work carried out by the members of the group could be published under the name of



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this group, but had to be published by various special periodicals, papers or organizations, interested in publishing material of this kind.

All this has to a great extent obstructed the activities of our group, which we nevertheless consider to be of great value, in particular as there is no similar group in Sweden working in this highly specialized field.

In order to give the Swedish Group for Soviet Studies a possibility to develop its activities in an effective manner, we turn to your Foundation asking whether it would be possible to get financial support from you, which might fully, - or if that should prove impossible - partly cover our most urgent expenses, which we permit ourselves to enclose in a budget estimate as stated below.

We would be much obliged to you for an early answer to our request and remain
yours faithfully

Hans Wattrang
Chairman

Per Sundberg
Vice Chairman